Restructuring of Chennai Airport

1397. SHRI RAVISHANKAR PRASAD :
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is fact that Government have cleared the proposal to restructure the Chennai airport to a world class airport alongwith Delhi and Mumbai ;

(b) whether it is a joint venture project;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of other airports which are also proposed to be considered for restructuring?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL) (a) to (c) An 'in prinicple' decision has been taken to restructure Chennai airport through Joint Venture route.

(d) Airports Authority of India has also decided to modernize 25 tentatively selected non-metro airports to world class standards in phases with foucus on airside and city side development and enhancement of non-aeronautical revenue.

Flights operated by Public Sector/Private Sector Airlines

1398. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) the number of domestic air flights conducted by the public sector airlines in a week;

(b) the number of domestic flights conducted by the private airlines in a week;

(c) whether the number of international flights cionducted by the private sector airlines of the country has increased recently;

(d) the loss incurred to public sector airlines by allowing private companies in the international sectors of air services; and

(e) the number of extra flights which were operated by the public sector airlines and also by the private airlines for performing rescue works of the Tsunami victims?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION